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NEW QUAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Public Health matters are considered by the whole Council which consists of nine members including the Chairman.

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To the Chairman and Members of  
New Quay Urban District Council.

PREFACE

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Public Health Department for the year which ended on the 31 December, 1965.

The number of live births registered during the year was eight, representing an increase of five over the figure for the previous year. There were no registered still births and no infants died before the first birthday. No woman died as a result of pregnancy, childbirth or abortion.

The number of registered deaths was nineteen, an increase of three over the figure for 1964. Eight people died of heart disease, four of 'stroke' and no one died of cancer.

The only cases of infectious disease notified during the year were eighteen cases of measles. One new case of tuberculosis was notified during the year, as compared with three new cases in 1964 but no one died of the disease in either year.

A more detailed account of the work of the Public Health Department, including a section by the Public Health Inspector, will be found in the following pages.



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At Gadeirydd ac Aelodau o Gyngor Dosbarth  
Trefol Cei Newydd.

### RHAGAIR

Pleser imi yw cyflwyno Adroddiad Blynyddol yr Adran Iechyd  
Cyhoeddus am y flwyddyn a orffennodd ar 31 Rhagfyr, 1965.

Cafodd wyth a anwyd yn fyw eu cofrestru yn ystod y flwyddyn.  
dengys hyn pump yn rhagor ar y rhif am y flwyddyn cynt. Ni chof-  
restrwyd un farw-anedig, a ni bu farw un baban cyn ei fod yn flwydd  
oed. Ni bu farw un fenyw am ei bod yn feichiog, nac wrth eni plentyn  
neu wrth erthylu.

Cofrestrwyd un-deg-naw o farwolaethau yn cynrychioli ychwaneg  
dri dros y rhif am 1964. Bu farw wyth o glefyd y galon, pedwar  
o'r strôc a dim un o'r cancr.

Yr unig ddigwyddiadau a nodwyd o glefyd heintus yn ystod  
y flwyddyn oedd deunaw o'r frech goch Dim ond un digwyddiad  
newydd o'r ddarfededigaeth a nodwyd yn ystod y flwyddyn, i'w  
gymharu a thri digwyddiad newydd yn 1964, ond ni bu farw neb o'r  
clefyd hwn yn y ddwy flwyddyn hon.

Rhoddir cyfrif manylach o waith yr Adran Iechyd Cyhoeddus,  
yn cynnwys rhan â baratowyd gan yr Archwiliwr Iechyd Cyhoeddus,  
yn y tudalennau canlynol.





VITAL STATISTICS

										<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
1.	<u>LIVEBIRTHS</u>											
	Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3	8
								Leg:	..	7	1	7
								Illeg:	..	0	2	1
	Rate per 1,000 population (crude)	..	..	..	..	..	..			7.7	3.1	8.5
	Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	..	..	..	..	..	..			12.2	5.0	13.5
	Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..			18.2	18.5	18.1
	Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births									0	66.7	12.5
2.	<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>											
	Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0	0
								Leg:	..	0	0	0
								Illeg:	..	0	0	0
	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..	..			0	0	0
	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths England and Wales									17.2	16.3	15.8
3.	<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS</u>	..	..	..	..	..	..			7	3	8
4.	<u>PERI-NATAL DEATHS</u> (Stillbirths plus early neo-natal deaths)											
	Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0	0
								Leg:	..	0	0	0
								Illeg:	..	0	0	0
	Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..	..			0	0	0
5.	<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL DEATHS</u> (deaths under one week)											
	Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0	0
								Leg:	..	0	0	0
								Illeg:	..	0	0	0
	Rate per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..			0	0	0
6.	<u>NEO-NATAL DEATHS</u> (deaths under four weeks)											
	Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0	0
								Leg:	..	0	0	0
								Illeg:	..	0	0	0
	Rate per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..			0	0	0
7.	<u>INFANT DEATHS</u> (total deaths under one year)											
	Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0	0
								Leg:	..	0	0	0
								Illeg:	..	0	0	0



	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
7. <u>INFANT DEATHS (CONT'D.)</u>			
Rate per 1,000 total live births .. .. .	0	0	0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	0	0	0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	0	0
8. <u>MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion)</u>			
Number of deaths .. .. .	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths, .. ..	0	0	0

DEATHS

Total .. .. .	16	16	19
Rate per 1,000 population (crude) .. .. .	17.6	16.8	20.2
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted) .. .. .	9.8	9.4	11.11
Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales .. ..	12.2	11.3	11.5

Area comparability factor for births .. .. .	1.59	1.59	1.59
Area comparability factor for deaths .. .. .	0.56	0.56	0.55

POPULATION STATISTICS

Area (in acres) .....	281
Population (census 1961).....	954
Population (Registrar General's Estimated Mid-Year Population for 1965)...	940







CAUSES OF DEATH

<u>Registrar General's Code Number</u>	<u>Causes of death</u>	<u>Number of deaths</u>		
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	1	1
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-	-
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	-	-
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	-	-	-
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16	Diabetes	-	-	-
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	1	4
18	Coronary disease, angina	3	1	4
19	Hypertension with heart disease	-	2	2
20	Other heart disease	1	1	2
21	Other circulatory disease	-	1	1
22	Influenza	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia	-	-	-
24	Bronchitis	-	-	-
25	Other disease of respiratory system	1	-	1
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	-	2
33	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34	All other accidents	-	2	2
35	Suicide	-	-	-
36	Homicide & operations of war	-	-	-
TOTAL:		10	9	19





TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the sex and age distribution of the new cases notified during the year.

AGE GROUP	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
5 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	1	-	-	-
65 +	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	1	-	-	-

SECTION 47 OF THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

No action was required to be taken under this section during the year.

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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

These remain essentially the same as in previous years and are under the control of the County Council.

W. J. St. E-G. RHYS  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on work done during the year 1965.

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply for the whole of the district is under the jurisdiction of the Cardiganshire Water Board. The supply of water was plentiful throughout the year and the samples taken for bacteriological examination were all found to be satisfactory.

Chemical samples taken in the past and analysed by the Public Analyst at Carmarthen showed the water to be of good quality and suitable for drinking and all domestic purposes.

The whole of the district comprising approximately 468 dwelling houses and a population of approximately 1,000 is supplied from the mains.

There are no public swimming baths in the district.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Except for minor blockages the sewerage system has functioned trouble free throughout the year. The system is by gravitation to a settling tank on the Dolau Beach and the resultant effluent is discharged into the sea.

No complaints nor evidence of pollution were recorded during the year.

It should be appreciated that the sewerage system, which was designed for the town many years ago, cannot be expected to cope with the demands placed on it under present conditions, particularly during the holiday season.

It is the Council's policy to encourage development in the area, however, and if this policy is to be continued then provision must be made to ensure that the sewerage system will be able to function properly and efficiently.

Closet Accommodation

Number of closets connected to the sewerage system .....	432
Number of closets connected to cesspools and septic tanks .....	26
Number of pail closets within the range of sewers not connected	Nil
Number of pail and earth closets .....	3



## PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse collection is undertaken by the Council employees and this service covers the whole of the area of the Urban District.

Refuse disposal takes place at Aberaeron Rural District Council's refuse tip at Rhydeinion, which is four to five miles from New Quay. The covering and control of the tip is carried out by the Rural District Council.

It is still the practice of a number of householders to use a various assortment of receptacles for the storage of refuse. The use of the standard dustbin with a close fitting lid is very much desired.

### Litter

Litter is still a problem within the area. Every year people are injured because glass is left on the beach and in other public places. The public apparently does not appreciate the fact that this can cause serious injury.

More should be done to try to make the public "litter conscious" and the provision of ample and more attractive litter bins might help towards this end.

## HOUSING INSPECTIONS

### Number of houses inspected :

Under the Public Health Act, 1936	.. .. .	14
Under the Housing and Rents Act	.. .. .	Nil
Number of houses inspected after infectious diseases		Nil

### Notices Served - Public Health Act

Number of informal notices served	.. .. .	16
Number of informal notices complied with	.. .. .	14
Number of statutory notices served	.. .. .	Nil
Number of statutory notices complied with	.. .. .	Nil

### Housing repairs and rents Act, 1954 and Housing Act, 1957

1. Unfit houses closed or declared unfit	.. .. .	Nil
2. Houses in which defects were remedied after informal action	.. .. .	Nil



HOUSING ACT, 1949, HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954

Improvement Grants - Discretionary

Number of applications  
approved

Approved Expenditure

1

£572

Approved Grants

£286

Number of payments made

Amount Paid

Final .. .. 5  
Instalments .. Nil

£1,048  
Nil

Total Payments

£1,048

HOUSING PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

Improvement Grants - Standard

Applications Received

Approved Grants

1

£50

Number of payments made

Nil

RENTS ACT, 1957

(i)	Number of applications for certificates of disrepair	..	Nil
(ii)	Number of decisions not to issue certificates	.. ..	Nil
(iii)	Number of decisions to issue certificates	.. ..	Nil
(iv)	Number of certificates of disrepair issued	.. ..	Nil
(v)	Number of applications by landlord for cancellation of certificate	.. ..	Nil





### RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION

All types of premises were visited and where necessary advice and poison baiting was carried out. All infestations were treated by the Council's Rodent Operator. Sixteen treatments were carried out during the year in private dwellings. The refuse tip at Gilfachrheda, although not now used, is continually kept under observation and baits laid when necessary. All were minor infestations.

### THE CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Number licensed caravan sites .. .. 5

The five sites, with their maximum number of caravans are :-

1. Raymond Caravan Park	..	..	..	..	..250	caravans
2. Traeth Gwyn Caravan Park	..	..	..	..	..116	"
3. Neuadd Caravan Park	..	..	..	..	.. 85	"
4. Rectory Field Caravan Park	..	..	..	..	.. 20	"
5. Mindraeth Caravan Park	..	..	..	..	.. 2	"

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Total	..	473	caravans
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All the caravan sites are well maintained. Two of the sites are self contained in that shops and licensed clubs are available to the caravan-dwellers on the site concerned.

The caravan population at the height of the season is approximately 1,900, but taking into account sites which are within a mile radius of New Quay, approximately another 500 caravan pitches are to be found giving a grand total population of around 4,000. New Quay is an attraction for these caravan-dwellers and consequently all the services are extended to their utmost capacity.

Complaints received were dealt with promptly.

### BURIAL AND CREMATION OF THE DEAD

#### National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 50)

Number of persons buried by the Authority .. Nil



### Municipal Cemetery

Number of persons buried from within the district	..	12
Number of persons buried from outside the district	..	2

The cemetery is under the care of Mr. Dan Lewis who provided the above information.

It is hoped that a number of improvements will be carried out at the Council's cemetery in the near future.

### COUNCIL HOUSES

Number of Council Houses in the district..	..	..	..	28
Number of Council Old People's Bungalows .	..	..	..	6

These are all situated on an estate at "Cylch-y-Llan" and on the whole are excellently maintained.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES

Number of inspections of meat shops and vans ..	..	..	..	8
Number of inspections of restaurants and public houses				28
Number of inspections of premises where ice cream is sold ..	..	..	..	18
Number of inspections of dairies ..	..	..	..	Nil

### MILK SUPPLY

Number of retailers within the district ..	..	..	..	2
Number of dairies ..	..	..	..	Nil

### Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

(i) Number of samples of raw milk examined	..	..	..	Nil
(ii) Number of positive samples found ..	..	..	..	Nil
(iii) Action taken in respect of positive samples	..	..		Nil

### UN SOUND FOOD

During the year the following unsound foodstuffs were condemned.

Tins of Fruit ..	..	..	30
Tins of Vegetables ..	..	..	29
Tins of Soup ..	..	..	16
Tins of Fish ..	..	..	15



SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933

Licences issued to slaughtermen .. .. Nil

There are no slaughterhouses in the district.

FOOD POISONING

There was no notified case of food poisoning during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

Inspection during the year

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Notices	Prosecutions
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities	3	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	4	4	-	-
(iii) Other premises which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	7	7	-	-

SHOPS, OFFICES AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During the year two new premises were registered under the above Act bringing the total of registered premises within the district to 12, which may be classified as follows :-

Offices .. .. .	3
Retail Shops, warehouses .. ..	5
Catering establishments open to the public .. .. .	4

Total .. 12

Total number of inspections during the year .. 16



LIFE SAVING

It would be an excellent thing if the young people of New Quay were to form a life saving club, as has been done in other seaside resorts.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

There is a need for better recreational facilities for children.

I should like to thank the Members of the Council and the staff for their assistance and co-operation during the year.

GWYN JONES  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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